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PM/DTCC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN RESPONSE FOR PRE-LICENSE END
USE CHECK ON APPLICATION 05-050085478

REF: A. SECSTATE 27521
[1](#)B. SECSTATE 14398

[1](#)1. Pursuant to reftels, econoff contacted the Malaysian firm Kontena Nasional Global Sdn Bhd regarding the sale of plastic bonded explosives to Malaysia. Utilizing one of our Locally Employed Staff (LES) at the Embassy -- due to the company's insistence on communicating only in the Bahasa language -- we received a name and phone number for a point of contact (POC) at the Royal Malaysia Police (RMP). The LES spoke with the POC at RMP, who stated that the explosives were for use by the RMP's "Bomb Squad". The LES said that the RMP POC appeared to know details about the deal, which indicated that at least some (possibly all) of the explosives were for use by RMP as claimed. The LES said that the POC was within an RMP office, and sounded like a legitimate RMP officer (vice an impersonator). Kontena would not agree to a site visit (although this was not requested by reftels). Embassy believes that the RMP is probably the true end user of the explosives. RMP does in fact have a "Bomb Squad", but probably uses a more formal name such as Explosives and Ordnance Removal, etc.
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